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## COMMUNICATION

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 21, 2004, Applicants respond through their attorney, submitting substitute amended claims, indicating claims 1-14 are canceled.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are incurred, however in the event that additional fees are due, the Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 021-1201 any fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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